

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
November 10, 2021
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Kathleen Kopseng, Thomas Hart, Andy Ebling, Glen Castore, Mike Little, Debbie Salaba, Mike Groth, Frances Boehning.

Introduction of Guests: None

Approval of Agenda: Glen Castore made a motion to approve the agenda, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- November Claims – Thomas Hart made a motion to approve the November claims, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.
- October 13, 2021, Meeting Minutes – Andy Ebling made a motion to approve the October 13, 2021 minutes, Mike Little seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report – Debbie Salaba reviewed the current Treasurer's report and bank balances. It was noted that the IRS has been paid and is up to date.

Clerk's Report-

- Resolution 2021-09 – Absentee Voting
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-09 designating Rice County as the Bridgewater Township voting location, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.
- Resolution 2021-10 – UOCAVA Voting
 - Andy Ebling made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-10 designating Rice County as the Bridgewater Township UOCAVA voting location, Mike Little seconded, all approved.

Planning & Zoning-

- Meeting update – Mike Little reviewed the recent Planning Commission meeting. It was noted that discussions were held regarding enforcing ordinances.
- The Supervisors discussed the challenges to enforcing ordinances and will request guidance from Peter Tiede.

New Business

- None

Old Business

- 115th Street Dundas meeting update
 - Andy Ebling and Thomas Hart reviewed the recent meeting with the City of Dundas regarding a joint road policy.

- Bridgewater Township is waiting for feedback on the draft policy provided to the City of Dundas. Following feedback from Dundas, next steps will be determined.
- Northfield OAA meeting update
 - Glen Castore reviewed the recent meeting with the City of Northfield.
 - St. Olaf college would like to move their land from Bridgewater Township into the City of Northfield.
 - Another small group meeting will take place in the near future.
 - A short discussion was held regarding the areas of Bridgewater Township that the City of Northfield is interested in.
- Industrial Zone update
 - Kathleen Kopseng is waiting for an update from Cindy Nash regarding next steps with the Industrial Zone.
 - The Bridgewater Planning Commission will be working on an ordinance for the rural industrial zone.
- Non-compliant issues
 - Roosters
 - Following a discussion regarding pros and cons with creating an ordinance, the Board of Supervisors decided to not pursue a chicken ordinance.
 - Yurt
 - Inspectron will be sending a follow up letter to the owners of the yurt.
- Town Hall addition
 - The area for the new shed is in the process of being cleared.
 - The salt shed area is being graded and the shed will be constructed this fall.
 - Mike Groth will obtain quotes for the pole shed and building addition from a local contractor.
- 140th Street Improvement
 - Dennis Luebbe will be consulted regarding funding for upgrading 140th Street.
- Rural Broadband
 - Andy Ebling will talk to the owners of Northfield WiFi regarding the extent of the covered area. A request will be made to have them attend the December meeting. A request will also be made to Larry Alderks and John Ebling to attend as they have additional knowledge of the subject.
- Roads
 - Mike Groth reviewed work done on the roads over the last month.
 - A request was made to Mike Groth to review the signs on Endwood Trail as a couple are unstable.

- It was noted that the Edgebrook dead end sign is still not installed. Mike Groth noted that he is waiting on a post.
- A post hole pounder will be purchased for the Township.

- Miscellaneous
 - Glen Castore noted that Galen Malecha would like to attend the Bridgewater Board of Supervisors meeting in December.
 - Andy Ebling requested that residential mailbox information be added to the Bridgewater website. Also, language should be added to the website informing residents that landscaping in the right-of-way is subject to removal by the snowplow if it is higher than the roadway.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	